There are 6 independent claims less three multiple by \$39.00 = \$117.00 (see attached check # 3628) applicant being a small enity; which status is being filed under separate cover.

This response is being made within the period for response.

Should Examiner have any questions regarding this response, Applicant can be reached at (650) 827-1388.

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